

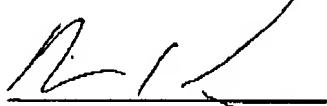
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REMARKS

Rejected claims 1-8 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to place this application in condition for allowance. Remaining claims 9-24 have been allowed. As only the allowed claims are pending in this application, applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Applicants look forward to receiving an early Notice of Allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicants urge the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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